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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7376

BILL NUMBER: HB 1344

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 20, 2007

BILL AMENDED: Feb 19, 2007

SUBJECT: Mobile Camps for Railroad Employees.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Tyler

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill requires a railroad company to provide drinking water at assembly points where at least two maintenance-of-way employees meet. The bill establishes requirements for a mobile camp provided by a railroad company for maintenance-of-way employees. The bill also requires the State Department of Health Executive Board to adopt rules pertaining to the sanitary conditions, operations, and facilities at a mobile camp.

Effective Date: (Amended) Upon passage; July 1, 2007.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill defines a mobile camp as a temporary location where at least two maintenance-of-way employees are housed.

(Revised) The bill requires the State Department of Health (ISDH) to adopt rules concerning mobile camps. The State Department of Health should be able to implement this provision within their existing level of resources.

Appropriation Background: The ISDH administrative appropriations were made from the dedicated Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement Fund for FY 2006 and FY 2007. The funding source of the FY 2008 and FY 2009 ISDH administrative appropriations will be determined by the General Assembly.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) Local health departments are required to enforce the rules adopted by the State Department of Health. The fiscal impact of this provision is dependent on the number

of inspections performed by a local health department, which would be based on the frequency that mobile camps are set up in a county. Local health departments should be able to implement this provision within their existing level of resources.

Background Information: According to the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, only one railroad company in Indiana utilizes mobile camps to house its maintenance-of-way employees. It is estimated there are at least 20 to 30 locations where mobile camps are set up across the state, and depending on the types of projects undertaken at the camp locations, maintenance-of-way employees may spend between one week to a year at a site. A group of maintenance-of-way employees that remains at a location for an average of one to six weeks will usually consist of 20 to 50 employees.

Explanation of Local Revenues: (Revised) Local health officers are required to enforce the state rules promulgated to regulate the sanitary conditions of mobile camps. Prior to the initiation of the inspection, a fee of \$75 is required to be collected for each 50 individuals in the occupant capacity of the camp. The fee is to be deposited in the General Fund of the local health department or Health & Hospital Corporation. The fiscal impact of this provision is dependent on the number of inspections performed by a local health department, which would be based on the frequency that mobile camps are set up in a county.

State Agencies Affected: State Department of Health; Indiana Department of Transportation.

Local Agencies Affected: Counties; Cities; Local health departments; Marion County Health and Hospital Corporation.

Information Sources: Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees Division of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

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